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Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue NW
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Washington, DC 20268

POSTAL REGULATORY

Docket RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates with hikes that would increase by 28-40 percent over the next 5 years. Sierra Club relies on the mail for the lion's share of our membership support as well as for communications programs to our members including our award-winning magazine, *Sierra*.

We would not be able to increase our budget to keep pace with the proposed postage increases, which would result in a dramatic reduction in our use of mail. Decreasing our mailing activities will lead to less revenue, reducing the funds our organization can spend fighting to protect and preserve our environment for generations to come. We will have more poisons in our air, more chemicals in our water, and more of our children and our elderly developing respiratory and other medical conditions. We will have more of our public lands defiled and more of our precious wildlife at risk. We will have fewer people experiencing the wonders and the healing properties of nature. Most importantly, we will have diminished capacity to fight the drivers of the climate crisis *now*, before the planet gets hotter and our storms and wildfires get more destructive.

Please maintain the predictable CPI-capped rates. None of the work that we do can happen without the voices, passion, influence, and generosity of our members and our ability to attract and retain those members via the mail.

The Sierra Club urges the Postal Regulatory Commission to reconsider its proposal.

Sincerely

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